



HISTORICAL NOTES.

By MR. J. D. MURRAY.

The teacher having been informed that there were among the larger boys of the general district three or four who took great pride in annoying the teacher by paying no attention to his rules, and otherwise insulting him, and he is aware that he has two belonging to that class in his school and that they are present on this morning. He starts out by addressing them in this manner: "Boys and girls, I wish to make a few remarks, as I am in the habit of doing, before we go any farther, (and being a man about twenty-five years of age, fully six feet in height, broad shouldered, and with a very pleasing yet defiant countenance, his very looks appear to strike terror to the hearts of the larger boys.) I am a stranger among you, my name is John Brison, and I am from the state of Vermont, where I was engaged in teaching school for the last four winters, and I flatter myself that I have made a success of each one, and I hope to make a success of this school; there is no one in a better position to aid me than the pupils themselves. The rules of my school are few and simple: Obedience is the principal one; with obedience I feel sure of being able to render satisfaction to both parents and pupils. I am very much opposed to flogging; it is my last resort; it is entirely against my nature to use a rod on a small girl or boy and up to this time I have been able to get along without it. But there are cases where corporal punishment must be resorted to, where order and obedience cannot be had in any other way, and in such cases I feel able for the occasion. With these remarks we go to work."

At that time there was no regular series of school books; the Bible and testament were used and there was a Bible and a testament class. Little children just beginning would bring with them a little blue primer, and out of that they would be taught the alphabet. (Shame on such parents who send their children to school to learn the a b c's, they ought at least be able to spell in two syllables before they are sent to school.) This little primer taught as far as three syllables and a little reading with words of two and three syllables. Next came the spelling book; there were several that were much used, Birleys and Comleys and these two books came in after the primer. Birleys seemed to be the most popular; between the spelling lessons there was some good reading matter and when a pupil was through one of those books he could spell and read fairly well.

While he was thus engaged with this book he was also trying to learn to write from a copy set by the teacher; the paper used at that time was not ruled as it now is, and it had a yellow shade. When a pupil began learning to write he would get a dozen or more sheets of paper and a sheet of card board and sew this paper together and make a copy book; each pupil would have a ruler and rule the paper down just as fast as he would need it. One of the teacher's duties was to go around and see that each book had a copy. If he found any without he would take them up to his desk and write a copy; this he mostly attended to in the morning and evening when school was not in session.

These spelling books just mentioned were illustrated with the different kinds of animals and birds, both foreign and domestic. These were found on the upper part of the page under which were printed the habits of the bird or beast, his native country, usefulness, etc. About two-thirds of the way back in the book stood the owl, in all his native ugliness. While engaged in conversation at one time with an old gentleman, we got to talking about the schools. "Well," he remarked, "I never had as much schooling as I should have gotten; I was bound out when a boy, my parents being poor, and the people with whom I lived failed to send me to school as they had promised yet I got as far as the owl." This goes to show that man's success in life does not always depend on the amount of book knowledge he has gained. This man was a success, so far as worldly goods are concerned, and we have no doubt many have been successful who never got as far in books as the owl.

It might be interesting to some of the readers to know where some of those old log school houses stood. We can give the location of a few, also the names of several persons who attended school there. One stood on this side of the Huston house, now Perry Breen's home; there were quite a number of wild plum trees grew near the house, hence, "Plum Grove" school house. My father attended school there in 1810; two years later he became a soldier in the war with the English in 1812. Another stood in the woods between the Old Fort and the station, just a short distance west of where the toll gate formerly was; the spot is marked by a few locust trees. Among those who went there were John H. Keller; Miss Katie Keller, wife of John Boozer, deceased; Wm. Keller, brother of John H. Keller; P. Fisher Keller's mother, Miss Wise; Geo. Condo's grandmother, Miss Wise; Miss Lydia Keller, wife of Peter Hoffer; deceased. The next school house stood at the north west corner from where the hotel now stands. Some of the Penningtons attended there, also some of the Hoffers. There was a house of the kind stood a little west of the farm now owned by Mrs. Flora O. Bairfoot, which was called Fairfield. The location of those houses were sometimes changed, but not without something of a fight, as there was always considerable dissatisfaction experienced. In the next article the remarks will be confined to the schools of Centre Hall, beginning in 1851.

GENERAL LOCALS.

Children's Day service in the Lutheran church Sunday evening.

Linden Hall is whispering of an unexpected wedding to take place there soon.

Read the advertisement of Edward Sellers, proprietor of the Centre Hall foundry.

George Ocker and family are visiting relatives in Rebersburg. They came from their home at Lewisburg last Tuesday, and will remain for a short time.

Wagner Geiss and wife, of Bellefonte, with Mrs. George M. Goodhart, of Centre Hill, spent Sunday at the home of D. K. Geiss.

Bruce Mitchell who has been located at Pittsburg for the past two years, is spending his vacation at his home in Lemont and visited friends in town one day last week.

Miss Anna Lutz, for almost a year a typo in this office, will spend her fourth of July vacation in the city of Williamsport. She will leave Centre Hall Saturday of this week and return the following Thursday.

Henry I. Stahr, of Oley, Berks county, has made application for the schools at Pine Grove Mills. Mr. Stahr was a member of this year's graduating class at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating with honors.

Miss Grace Smith left this Thursday morning for Williamsport to visit her friend, Miss Alice Hazelett. After spending a few days in Williamsport she will go with the Hazelett family on a trip to the Pan-American Exposition.

M. M. Condo, butcher and truckman, raises some monster heads of crisp lettuce which he offers for sale on his Bellefonte route each week. Probably the largest head of greens that ever found its way into this office was landed here Monday by Mr. Condo.

BRIEF LOCALS.

The freight train west in the afternoon has been several hours late every day for the past week or more owing to the heavy freight it has to carry.

Maggie and D. F. Young, executors of the estate of D. F. Young, deceased, offer for sale the real estate of said decedent. See adv. in another column.

Grasshoppers are here by the millions in some sections of the valley. The excessive wet weather, it was hoped, would destroy the pest, but the tiny little hoppers survived and are as lively as any one would wish them to be.

Messrs. Ward and Windom Gramley, sons of T. M. Gramley, Spring Mills, returned from Gettysburg where they attended college. The former graduated from the Pennsylvania College, at that place, and is well equipped to enter the world's field of activity.

No one complained of hard times on show day. The fly in the wheat, short grass, rust on the oats, outworn and the aching back to earn the dollar, low profits in business, small earnings of capital for the time being were forgotten—the elephant had to be seen once more.

Clyde Smith and Forest From came home Saturday from Wilkesbarre where they had been working on the Bell telephone lines. A telephone strike is being waged there by the Union men. The boys being non-union decided to come home until the strike is over, when they expect to return.

George K. Reed, who spent Sunday at the home of Dr. J. F. Alexander, departed Monday for Keswick, California, where he has accepted a good position with the Mountain Copper Mining Company. Mr. Reed graduated from State College this year, having taken the Mining Engineering course.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Bills Passed Finally by that Body of Local Interest.

The bill prohibiting first cousins to marry became a law without the Governor's signature.

The House bill, making it unlawful to sell tobacco to children under sixteen years of age, was reported favorably.

House bill encouraging the planting of trees along the roadside and providing a penalty for killing, removing or injuring the same.

A bill passed the house making it a misdemeanor for any employee or operator of telephone and telegraph lines to make public any message or conversation passing over the wires.

House bill authorizing County commissioners to pay constables for services rendered in making returns to the court of elections and for attending elections and traveling expenses since January 1, 1897, in all cases where the same remain unpaid.

HEAVY STORM.

School House Carried Fifty Yards from Its Foundation.

Another heavy storm struck Lock Haven and vicinity Thursday evening of last week, says the Lock Haven Democrat, and did considerable damage. The rain continued several hours, and lightning struck a pole in front of the electric light station. The junction boxes were burned out which caused the dwellings using electric light in certain sections of the city to be left in darkness.

The storm was fierce at Hunter's Run, two miles west of Eagleville; the high water carried away the bridge on the public road near that point. The school house was lifted off its foundation and carried fifty yards across the road to an open field.

Lightning struck Frank Berry's house at Beech Creek.

ELECTRIC SHOCK LEAVES HIM BALD.

Peculiar Healing in Case of Boy Who Was Nearly Killed.

Little James Daltry, of Media, who narrowly escaped death from electricity a few weeks ago, has recovered sufficiently to be able to be about, but a peculiar development in the healing process of his seared scalp shows that the crown of his head will be permanently bald.

Later a portion of the outer plate of the skull became detached, and an investigation showed that the flesh had granulated over the skull beneath it, and a process of healing was taking place. The piece of skull was about two inches in diameter. The physician in attendance stated this detachment was caused by the fact that the electric current had destroyed the outer plate.

School Teachers' Certificates.

Much interest has been manifested by those most concerned regarding the new act relative to teachers receiving certificates. For the purpose of answering all the questions pertaining to this subject, we publish the act of the legislature on May 21, 1901, and approved by Governor Stone:

Section 11. That after the first Monday of June, one thousand nine hundred and two, no teacher in this Commonwealth shall receive from a county, city or borough superintendent, a certificate as a teacher who has not a fair knowledge of orthography, English grammar, mental and written arithmetic, history of the United States, the theory of teaching and civil government, including state and local, and elementary algebra, nor shall such certificate be given to any person who is in the habit of using, or habitually takes opium; and all certificates given to teachers shall set forth the branches in which those holding them have been found proficient and indicate by suitable marks the degree of their proficiency.

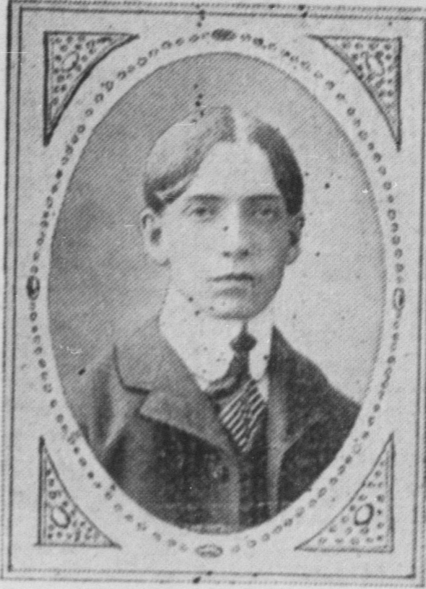
Smothering Under a Horse.

A few days ago fifteen year old Dolph Hartman, of near Williamsport, was riding a horse towards his home. Suddenly the horse fell and was unable to rise. The boy fell under the animal and was slowly suffocating to death when a man in a field saw his painful position and hastened to his assistance. The boy was black in the face when the horse was rolled off him. He soon recovered.

Beautifying Grounds.

Thousands of dollars are being spent along the line of the Pennsylvania railroad in the beautifying of depots and station lawns. Florists of the company have been instructed to spare neither time nor expense to make the stations and their surroundings as attractive as possible. Passing over the main line will bring to view many delightful sights to those who admire flowers and beautiful lawns.

Write Grant Hoover for prices on insurance. 000



D. EARL FLEMING.

A portrait of D. EARL FLEMING is presented to the readers. The Reporter proudly points to Mr. FLEMING as one of the bright young men of Centre Hall who is just entering on the active stage of life. Wednesday he graduated from the Central State Normal School, Lock Haven, with the highest honors, and was one of the commencement speakers. Prior to attending the institution of learning which today became his alma mater, MR. FLEMING attended the Centre Hall High School, from which he entered the Junior class at Lock Haven. He has always been studious, and is a young man of absolutely correct habits. He is a son of Julian A. Fleming, and a grandson of Daniel Fielesher, deceased, who, after his mother's death, gave him a home.

The Reporter only expresses the sentiment of all who know DANIEL EARL FLEMING when it says that he is a worthy young man—capable, honest, upright—and one destined to cut a niche high in the tower of fame.

SENATE CONFIRMS STONE'S NOMINEES.

Small Majority in the Vote on the Governor's Appointments Made in the Legislative Recess.

Governor Stone Tuesday sent to the Senate his recess nominations, all of whom were confirmed, with slightly varying majorities. The nominations were as follows:

Charles Miller, Franklin, major general, N. G. P.

John W. Schall, Norristown, brigadier general, N. G. P.

Israel W. Durham, Philadelphia, Insurance Commissioner.

Frank Reeder, Easton, Banking Commissioner.

T. L. Eyre, West Chester, Superintendent Public Grounds and Buildings.

James E. Roderick, Hazleton, Chief Bureau of Mines.

James Campbell, Pittsburg, Factory Inspector.

Robert W. Brownlee, Washington, Commissioner National Road.

John Hamilton, State College, Secretary of Agriculture.

Jesse K. Cope, West Chester, Dairy and Food Commissioner.

The vote on confirmation of Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton, was thirty-five yeas to nine nays. The ten votes cast in addition to the twenty-five stalwart Republicans included eight Democrats, among whom was Senator W. C. Heule, and Crawford and Weller, insurgents.

Hotel Guests.

The following is a partial list of the guests at the Centre Hall hotel during the past week, James W. Ronkle, proprietor:

N. F. Youm, Reading; John D. Hase, Harry E. Knarr, Beech Creek; M. C. Gates, Gettysburg; H. H. Miller, Rebersburg; George Harris, John Van Pelt, Penn Brooks, Bellefonte; T. Wilson Way, State College; P. H. Stover, Osburn; Frank Sherman, Hazleton; E. E. Akin, Selma, N. Y.; G. M. Covington, Altoona; J. T. McCormick, John F. Gray, State College; H. C. Mink, Shesamokin; Daniel Strong, Mifflinville; W. R. G. Brewster, S. H. Rankle, Centre Hall; Dr. J. R. G. Allison, Le Roy; G. F. Roush, Mifflinburg; Ed. Mosey, Spring Mills; Daniel Zeigler, Centre Hall; John Clark, Millheim; C. F. Zimmerman, Pa'myre; B. Wilson Lark, Shesamokin; Charles Brachbill, Strohm Lese, Bellefonte; Mrs. Dr. Smith, Kittaboth, Ill.; Mrs. John Heckman, Centre Hall; M. L. Laughlin, New York; H. F. McAdams, Penn Hall; P. H. Keller, Lewisburg; Alex. F. Goben, Thomas V. Gantner, C. Keller, Bloomburg; W. W. Smith, State College; Charles A. Shaffer, Harrisburg; J. O. Cable, Toledo, O.; F. M. Crawford, Bellefonte; H. C. Kulp, Centre Hall; D. E. McNeil, A. R. McNeil, Siglerville; J. Roberson, Millroy; M. Zeigler and son, Madisonburg; Grant Hoover, Bellefonte.

Ernest Seton-Thompson's First Picture.

Ernest Seton-Thompson, whose latest short story in The Ladies' Home Journal for July is illustrated by one of his finest drawings, painted his first picture within a year after beginning his art studies in Paris. It represented a sleeping wolf, and was admitted to the Salon and hung in a place of honor on the line.

The Bingham House.

If you want comfortable and conveniently located quarters while in Philadelphia, stop at the Bingham House, 11th and Market Streets. The table service is unsurpassed, and every attendant at the hotel will use you as a lady or gentleman and make you feel at home.

State College Gets \$140,000.

The legislature appropriated \$140,000 to the Pennsylvania State College. In this item is included \$40,000 to be used in the construction of an agricultural building.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The families of W. H. and S. S. Kresmer spent Sunday with John Cole at Zion.

Wm. W. Boob, Monday added an additional blacksmith to his wheel department.

The new barn of Robert McClellan, of Linden Hall, is under roof and will be finished in time for hay making.

The temperature during June thus far has been below the average. Only once did the mercury go up to near 90.

The base ball team is practicing hard every evening in getting ready to meet several local teams in the near future.

Mrs. J. W. Keller, merchant at Linden Hall, had her store repainted. The work was performed by Weber & Son, Boalsburg.

Ex-Governor Daniel H. Hastings has been elected a member of the board of directors of Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport.

The Phillipsburg Ledger says: Mrs. Lansberry returned Wednesday evening from a two weeks' visit to friends in Centre Hall and Bellefonte.

Irvin Zeigler, of Linden Hall, in company with James Glenn, of Lemont, left for Clearfield where they expect to spend the summer.

Miss Alda Sankey, of this place, Saturday went to Milesburg where she will spend a week or more with her sister, Mrs. James Gregg.

Paul Kieffer, a brother of J. C. Kieffer, who was a former principal of the Centre Hall schools, will occupy a chair in the faculty of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md.

Although a thunder shower Saturday evening interfered with the Grange festival, the attendance was fair and the receipts not far below the management's expectations.

Prof. H. B. Snyder, of State College, has been elected to the faculty of Albright College at Myerstown. Prof. Snyder is a born mathematician, and at one time taught the Centre Hall High School.

J. S. Dauberman is getting the material ready for the construction of a large porch in front of his house. The addition will make quite an improvement and add greatly to the appearance of the dwelling.

Will Zeigler, of Linden Hall, while working on the saw mill at that place, was struck on the arm by a piece of lath, which inflicted an ugly and painful flesh wound. Under the treatment of Dr. Kidder the injury is improving.

Manager Garman is negotiating with the George F. Knowles Opera Company to give one week of summer opera in Bellefonte, commencing either July 15 or 22. This is one of the best opera companies on the road and it is to be hoped Manager Garman will be successful.

Mrs. Alexander, wife of Dr. J. F. Alexander, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bartholomew, of Spring Mills, Tuesday started for Norristown, where the latter's daughter, Miss Gertrude, is attending school. Philadelphia and other points will be visited.

Richard Lincoln, of Mifflinburg, well known in political and social affairs in Union county, died last week at the age of seventy-eight years. He held many local offices in Union county, among them that of Commissioner from 1855 to 1880. In 1876 he was the Republican candidate for congress.

James A. Wert, wife and son, Sparr, of Tusseyville returned from Illinois last week, delighted with the country. The Werts a few Sundays ago were invited to dine with D. Geiss Wagner and family at Manhattans, Ill. Messrs. Milton Benner, Frank McClellan, Morris Rankle, Frank Bible, and John Wert, all formerly of south Potter township, were also guests at the same time.

Rev. Thomas S. Land has accepted a call to the Reformed charge at Millersville, Pa. Rev. Land is very well known in this community as he was pastor of the Reformed charge at Centre Hall for a number of years. After leaving Centre Hall, Rev. Land preached first at Greenville then at Manor Station. From this latter place he goes to take charge of his new flock at Millersville.

Prof. John D. Meyer will attend the sessions of the State Educational Association in the Girls' Normal, 13th and Spring Garden Streets, Philadelphia, July 2nd to 5th. He left Centre Hall Wednesday and prior to the meeting of the association will attend the commencement exercises of the Ardmore High School, in which school Prof. J. Frank Meyer, of Penn Hall, holds an important professorship.